



Laura Lauder

Laura Lauder is a native of Canton, Ohio and journeyed to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Seville, Spain for her undergraduate education. In 1992, she joined her husband Gary in their venture capital partnership, Lauder Partners, specializing in Internet and media investments. Laura now primarily focuses her efforts on strategic grantmaking through the Laura and Gary Lauder Family Venture Philanthropy Fund and in numerous leadership capacities at local and national nonprofit organizations.

Laura and Gary co-founded the Socrates Program of the Aspen Institute in 1996. Laura currently serves on the Leadership Council of the Franklin Project, a policy program of the Aspen Institute to launch a National Service Initiative that creates the opportunity – the expectation – for every young person in America (ages 18 to 28) to serve their country doing a year of full-time community service. In 2014, Laura joined the board of trustees of the Aspen Institute.

Active in the Jewish community, Laura recently co-founded a national and international expansion of Jewish Teen Foundation boards, called the Foundation Board Incubator. Laura is Chairwoman of the San Francisco Jewish Community Endowment Fund Committee. She has also become deeply involved in Onward Israel, a program to provide college students with summer internships in Israel with tech start-ups, and joined their board in 2015.

In 2002, Laura founded DeLeT: Day School Teaching through Leadership, a national Jewish Teach for America program that is a selective fellowship to recruit, train and retain Jewish Day School teachers in the US. It is modeled on her experience as a fellow in the Wexner Heritage Foundation.

Laura additionally serves on numerous nonprofit boards. She is currently Vice Chair of the \$1.8 billion Jewish Community Endowment Fund of San Francisco. She is on the National Constitution Center board of directors in Philadelphia and on the advisory board of the New Schools Venture Fund. She has served on the boards of the National Public Radio Foundation and Spark Networks — a NYSE Amex Company and parent of JDate.

Laura is active with the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO/WPO), a global leadership network and is a fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations. She was named one of "10 Women to Watch" by Jewish Woman magazine in 2004. She has also won numerous awards, including Volunteer of the Year from the San Francisco Jewish Community Federation in 2011, the Jim Brooks Achievement Award in 2004, and the San Francisco Bay Area Lloyd Dinkelspiel Young Leadership Award in 1999.

She lives in Silicon Valley with her husband, Gary; their son and daughter are both in college.